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|  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Council<br/>Communication</b><br/>Office of the City Manager</p> | <b>Date:</b> May 18, 2015  |
|  | <b>Agenda Item No.</b> 41<br><b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>15-831</u><br><b>Communication No.</b> <u>15-243</u><br><b>Submitted by:</b> Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director |

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving donation agreement between Jonathan Latch and the City of Des Moines for a new disc golf course at Prospect Park, 1225 Prospect Road, and naming the new disc golf course the Becky Zallek Disc Golf Course.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Approval of a donation agreement between Jonathan Latch and the City of Des Moines for a new disc golf course at Prospect Park, 1225 Prospect Road, including naming the course the Becky Zallek Disc Golf Course.

**FISCAL IMPACT: NONE**

The estimated value of this donation is \$25,000, which is the expense to purchase the equipment for and installation of the new disc golf course.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

In October 2014, the Des Moines Disc Golf Club, approached Park and Recreation Department staff with a proposal to fund and build a new disc golf course. At the December 8, 2014 City Council meeting, Council member Gray asked the City Council to receive, file and refer to the City Manager requesting consideration of the naming of a new disc golf course at Prospect Park for Becky Zallek. Disc golf is a very popular sport and adding a new course would help alleviate wear and tear at the three (3) existing courses in Grandview, Crivaro and Ewing Parks.

Since their initial proposal, the Disc Golf Club board members have met with staff to determine the best location for the course. After considering various sites, a location in Prospect Park was determined to be the best suited, due to convenient access from Prospect Road, sufficient parking space, an open-air shelter, and restrooms.

Along with a commitment to fully fund the design and construction of the new course by Jon Latch with funding from the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, the Disc Golf Club requests that the course be named the Becky Zallek Disc Golf Course.

Staff and members of the Des Moines Disc Golf Club attended the Prospect Park Neighborhood Association meeting on February 15, 2015 to introduce the concept of the new disc golf course and proposed naming of the course in honor of Becky Zallek. Both proposals were enthusiastically supported at the meeting.

Ms. Zallek was a huge advocate and supporter of increasing the number of women playing disc golf in Des Moines. She was always willing to meet people individually to provide guidance on how to play disc golf. Ms. Zallek was the Des Moines Disc Golf Club newsletter editor and sole contributor from 1994 – 2000. She also helped organize and sustain a women's only league in an effort to nurture those women who were too shy to play in leagues until their skills had time to advance. Her volunteer disc golf career included:

#### Tournament Leadership

- Juniors Tournament Director for Des Moines Open, 1993 – 2005
- Juniors Tournament Director for Des Moines Challenge 1993 – 2005
- Des Moines Ice Bowl Tournament Director, 1997 – 1999
- Disc Golf Glow Tournament Director, 1997 – 2005
- World's Biggest Director, 1995 – 2005

#### Disc Golf Course Development

- Co-wrote course proposal and lead fundraising effort for the Grandview Disc Golf Course, 1997
- Wrote course proposal and lead fundraising effort for the Ewing Park Disc Golf Course, 2001
- Co-Wrote course proposals and fundraised for two (2) other Central Iowa Disc Golf Courses

The City's policy allows for naming requests of facilities related to significant donations of funds and the Park and Recreation staff agrees that naming the disc golf course in honor of Becky Zallek complies with that policy. On February 24, 2015, the Park and Recreation Board set the date of hearing and on March 24, 2015 the Park and Recreation Board held a public hearing on the proposed naming, followed by unanimous approval of the recommendation. Staff recommends that the new disc golf course to be constructed at Prospect Park and be named the Becky Zallek Disc Golf Course.

If approved, it is anticipated that the new course could be constructed and ready for play in the summer of 2016.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: December 8, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-1888](#)

Action: [From](#) Council Member Bill Gray to speak regarding the naming of a proposed new disc golf course at Prospect Park, 1225 Prospect Road, in honor of Becky Zallek. Moved by Gray to receive and file such proposal and refer to the City Manager and Park and Recreation Board for review and recommendation. Motion Carried 7-0.

#### **BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Board: Park and Recreation

Date: March 24, 2015

Resolution Number: 15-017

Action: Approval of staff's recommendation for naming the Prospect Park Disc Golf Course the Becky Zallek Disc Golf Course.

Board: Park and Recreation

Date: February 24, 2015

Resolution Number: 15-010

Action: Approval to set date of hearing for naming Prospect Park Disc golf course.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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